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DR. JAMELLE S. WILSON, *Dean, School of Professional and Continuing Studies*

WELCOME

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

INTRODUCTION OF GRADUATES

STUDENT ACADEMIC RECOGNITION

Dr. Patricia Brown, *Senior Associate Dean, School of Professional and Continuing Studies*

Richard W. Leatherman, Sr. and

Ida May Leatherman Mace Bearer AwardSamantha Eastlack

United States Flag BearerJamie Beck

University of Richmond Flag BearerRob Phillips

SPCS Banner BearerJennifer Osterman

Student SpeakerLisa Cheney

GOLDEN KEY AWARDS

JEAN H. PROFFITT STUDENT SERVICE AWARD

2017 Award RecipientMark Gan

ANNUAL BOOK AWARDS

Human Resource Management

Steve Neal Book Award for Outstanding Undergraduate Achievement . .Joanna Kuczyknski

Human Resource Management

Steve Neal Book Award for Outstanding Graduate AchievementTrish Stevick

Information Systems

George E. Christopher and George W. Swartz Memorial Book AwardChris Headley

IT Management

McDonald Davis, Jr. Book AwardAngel Reed

Liberal Arts

Investment Consultants and Management Company
of Virginia Book AwardYolanda Mordue

Daniel McDonald Roberts and Frances Taylor Roberts
Master of Liberal Arts Memorial Book AwardTom Parfitt

Nonprofit Studies

Louis J. Narduzzi Memorial Book AwardCaitlin Figura

Paralegal Studies

William R. Marshall, Jr. Memorial Book AwardMelissa Hill

Education

Samuel E. Perry, Jr. and
Nancy B. Perry Book Award (Grades K-6)Colleen Connolly

Ann C. Taylor Book Award (Grades 7-12) Caroline Tarin

James W. Lanham Award
for Excellence in Curriculum and InstructionSarah Fagan

Catherine S. Fisher Award
for Excellence in Educational LeadershipJenny Andrews

Education Department Distinction AwardsTo Be Announced

ADDITIONAL AWARDS AND HONORS

Taylor Kie Cousins AwardJim Kochany

Colonel Porcher L. Taylor, Jr., Ph.D. Book Award for Community LeadershipLisa Cheney

Elizabeth Spindler Scott Book Scholarship AwardJen Ferlmann

Joanita Bbaale Senoga Book Award in Recognition of Academic Excellence by a Student
Whose Native Language is not EnglishJordanka Kida

The Stratton and Peggy Almond Memorial Book Scholarship Award
Richmond WECShayla Herbert
Germann WECDebbie Everhart

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKERS

Gibb Family Distinguished Alumni AwardCathy Eagles

Itzkowitz Family Distinguished Adjunct Faculty AwardDaniel Hocutt

CLOSING REMARKS

Previous Award Winners

RICHARD W. LEATHERMAN, SR. AND IDA

MAY LEATHERMAN MACE BEARER AWARD

The Mace Bearer is an honored position filled by the graduating senior with the highest grade point average.

- 1998 Karen Gayle Smith-Will
- 1999 Mary F. Hogan
- 2000 Marina M. Taylor
- 2001 Jacqueline C. Mathews
- 2002 Cynthia Marie Johnson
- 2003 Clinton Douglas Darby
- 2004 Jonathan Payne DeShazo
- 2005 Patricia Wood Fagan
- 2006 Stefanie A. Hutchison
- 2007 Amy C. Hess
- 2008 Laura Morris
- 2009 Brian L. Taylor
- 2010 Patrick Jinks
- 2011 Jerry Stire
- 2012 Laura Taylor
- 2013 Jane Meriwether Delano Gilmore
- 2014 Brian Spitzer
- 2015 Kelly Patricia Bryan
- 2016 Jack Foster

Beginning in 2013, the Award is officially called: Richard W. Leatherman, Sr. and Ida May Leatherman Mace Bearer Award

JEAN H. PROFFITT STUDENT SERVICE

AWARD RECIPIENTS

Presented to a graduate in recognition of outstanding service to the school.

- 1996 Gilbert Franklin Logan, III
- 1997 Vanessa Laverne Wilson
- 1998 Donna Lee Wallain
- 1999 Marcia Pitts Englert
- 2000 Bonnie Jean Davies
- 2001 Annette Lynn Ardler
- 2002 Jarita Taylor Fife
- 2003 Linda Greco Koch
- 2004 Susan M. Hopfensperger and
Susan D. Murphy
- 2005 Phil J. Edris
- 2006 Marla Horsley
- 2007 Dianne Foster St. John
- 2008 Francine Reynolds
- 2009 Brenda Ann Neckvatal
- 2010 Christopher Riddick
- 2011 Trishawanna Murray
- 2012 Martha Pittaway and
Jimmy Nickerson
- 2013 John Ephraim Butt
- 2014 George Siecko
- 2015 Chris S. Hall
- 2016 Tracey Taylor

Beginning with 2014, the award will be called: Jean Proffitt Award for Service to SPCS

GIBB FAMILY DISTINGUISHED**ALUMNUS/ALUMNA AWARD RECIPIENTS**

Presented to a distinguished alumnus/alumna for his or her service to the University, the community, and/or profession.

- 1995 Robert R. Staples UC'72
- 1996 William E. Brazier UC'76
- 1997 John M. Plunkett UC'70
- 1998 Charles K. Tribble UC'68, L'71
- 1999 Earnest A. Huband UC'68
- 2000 H. William Kuehl, Jr. UC'73
- 2001 Carolyn R. Martin UC'86
- 2002 Fenton N. Hord UC'70
- 2003 Sarah O. Gunn UC'81
- 2004 Thomas W. Pearson UC'63
- 2005 Valerie J. Agnew, SCS'96
- 2006 Andrew Gibb, UC '83
- 2007 Connie E. Harvey, UC'95
- 2008 Fred Itzkowitz, UC'75, G'76
- 2009 W. Joseph Winston, UC'71
- 2010 Mary Ramsey Evans, SCS'02, G'06
- 2011 Scott Strickler, UC'87
- 2012 Patricia Gallagher, SCS'97
- 2013 Thomas W. Winfree, C'77
- 2014 Catherine McGehee, GC'11
- 2015 Vanessa L. Jones
- 2016 Lin Koch

ITZKOWITZ FAMILY DISTINGUISHED**ADJUNCT FACULTY AWARD RECIPIENTS**

- 1977 Julian E. Savage (deceased)
- 1978 Richard J. Dunsing
- 1979 William R. Marshall, Jr. (deceased)
- 1980 Walter A. McFarlane
- 1981 Kathleen M. Graeber (deceased)
- 1982 Earnest A. Huband
- 1983 Franklin J. Boyer (deceased)
- 1984 Earnest A. Huband
- 1985 Dennis L. Warmke
- 1986 Gregory D. Foreman
- 1987 Helen C. Fields
- 1988 John M. Plunkett
- 1989 Elizabeth S. Scott
- 1990 James E. Hendricks (deceased)
- 1991 James P. Kennedy
- 1992 Mary T. Dobbs
- 1993 James M. Helms, III
- 1994 Joseph C. Mitchell
- 1995 Elisabeth Evans Wray
- 1996 Mary Turner Dobbs
- 1997 Elizabeth S. Scott
- 1998 Mary-Ellen Kendall
- 1999 James M. Helms, III
- 2000 Martha L. Edmonds
- 2001 Shirley J. Hoerter
- 2002 Patricia B. Carey
- 2003 Rosalind B. Reilly
- 2004 Gregory D. Foreman
- 2005 Anne Marie Morgan
- 2006 Debra W. Hanson
- 2007 Jada P. Banks
- 2008 Maria Poindexter

2009 Robert S. Kelley
2010 John A. Zinn, III
2011 Cathy Herweyer
2012 Timothy Duffee
2013 Gerald Lee Quirk
2014 Carrie Ludovico
2015 David A. Myers
2016 Connie Hill

*Beginning with 2014, the award is named:
Itzkowitz Family Distinguished Adjunct
Faculty Award*

25-YEAR MEDALLION RECIPIENTS

2004 Debra Williams Hanson
James Marvin Helms, III
Walter A. McFarlane
Elisabeth Evans Wray
2006 Martha Edmonds
Gregory Foreman
Rosalind Reilly
Elizabeth Scott
Michael Wriston
2008 Mary Dobbs
2009 Jean Moorefield
2016 Michael Champlin

Awards and Honors

Book Awards

Book Awards recognize academic success and dedication to the School of Professional and Continuing Studies and the University. They are presented to top students in each program, as chosen by the faculty.

Jean H. Proffitt Student Service Award

Established in 1996 by the School of Professional and Continuing Studies and the SPCS Student Government Association, this award is presented to a graduating senior recognized by his/her peers for outstanding service to the School. The award is given in honor of the service exemplified by long-time University College and SCS staff member Jean H. Proffitt, C'83.

Richard W. Leatherman, Sr. and Ida May Leatherman Mace Bearer Award

Established in 2013, this award honors the memory of Richard W. Leatherman, Sr. and Ida May Leatherman and is given in recognition of academic excellence. The award recipient is given the honor of carrying the University Mace and leading the graduates in the Commencement processional.

Colonel (U.S.A., Ret) Porcher L. Taylor, Jr., Ph.D. Book Award for Community Leadership

Established in 2006, this award honors Dr. Porcher L. Taylor, Jr. and the servant leadership he has exemplified his entire life. Dr. Taylor, a member of the Tuskegee Airmen, Inc., served in World War II, Vietnam and the Korean Wars. Dr. Taylor also served as Vice President for Student Affairs at Virginia State University and has spent his entire life involving himself in civic, charitable, educational and religious causes and serving as a role model for youth. This award is given to a graduating student who has provided leadership and involvement to their community.

Taylor Kie Cousins Award in Recognition of Outstanding Service to the University Community

Established in 2010, this award is given to a graduating student who exemplifies outstanding service and leadership to the University community. This award is in memory of Adjunct Professor Emeritus Taylor Cousins' service and commitment to the School of Professional and Continuing Studies as a teacher and in recognition of his involvement in service to the community.

Stratton and Peggy Almond Memorial Book Scholarship Award

This award is presented annually to recognize a rising senior who has demonstrated academic success in the Weekend College program. The award shall be used to purchase books during the student's final year of study at the School of Professional and Continuing Studies.

Awards and Honors (continued)

Elizabeth Spindler Scott Book Scholarship Award

Given by friends and students in honor of her 28-year teaching career at the University of Richmond School of Continuing Studies, this award is presented annually to recognize a rising senior who has demonstrated academic success in the Bachelor of Liberal Arts program. The award shall be used to purchase books during the student's final year of study at the School of Professional and Continuing Studies.

Distinction Awards

Passed with Distinction is awarded to Master of Education candidates who have submitted comprehensive written examination responses that exceed faculty expectations by demonstrating an alignment of research and practice, thorough knowledge of the content, and evidence of integrated connection to theory through best practice.



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